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FISHING INDUSTRY

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1. ON AUGUST 11 ACTING SCICOUNS DISCUSSED CODEL
LEGGETT WITH OFFICIALS OF THE MINISTRY OF FISHERIES.
(MINFISH), WHO WELCOMED THE VISIT AND STATED THAT THEY
WOULD DO EVERYTHING IN THEIR POWER TO MAKE IT
PROFESSIONALLY REWARDING AND PERSONALLY ENJOYABLE.
THE MINFISH OFFICIALS HAD ALREADY BEEN INFORMED ABOUT
THE VISIT; HOWEVER, THEY DID NOT KNOW THAT SOVIET
FISHERIES ATTACHE ZNAMENSKIY IS PLANNING TO ACCOMPANY
THE GROUP. MINFISH OFFICIALS PROMISED TO PROVIDE
DETAILED PROGRAM TO EMBASSY EARLY NEXT WEEK, AND
EMBASSY WILL TRANSMIT IT TO DEPT IMMEDIATELY UPON
RECEIPT. (MINFISH OFFICIALS NOTED THAT FROM
THE POINT OF VIEW OF OCEAN FISHERIES MURMANSK WOULD
HAVE BEEN MORE INTERESTING THAN YALTA, KIEV, OR
LENINGRAD. HOWEVER, MINFISH OFFICIALS STRESSED THAT
THEY WOULD ARRANGE INTERESTING PROGRAM IN THESE THREE
CITIES, ADDING THAT IT IS PROBABLY TOO LATE TO INCLUDE
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MURMANSK ON THE ITINERARY.)

2. MINFISH OFFICIALS NOTED THAT LACK OF GOOD AIR
CONNECTIONS BETWEEN YALTA AND ASTRAKHAN WOULD PROBABLY
REQUIRE REVISION IN THE ORDER OF CITIES TO BE
VISITED TO THE FOLLOWING: MOSCOW, ASTRAKHAN, KIEV,
YALTA, RIGA, LENINGRAD, MOSCOW.

3. IN ORDER TO ALLOW INTOURIST TO BEGIN MAKING HOTEL AND AIRLINE RESERVATIONS, MINFISH OFFICIALS STRESSED THAT US ORGANIZORS OF THE VISIT SHOULD CONTACT AN INTOURIST-ACCREDITED US TRAVEL AGENT, WHO CAN INFORM INTOURIST ABOUT THE PROGRAM, PROVIDE PROOF OF PAYMENT, AND REQUEST INTOURIST TO MAKE NECESSARY AIRPLANE AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS. MINFISH OFFICIALS NOTED THAT INTOURIST IN MOSCOW HAD RECEIVED UNSIGNED TELEGRAM ON AUGUST 8, APPARENTLY DIRECT FROM CONGRESSMAN LEGGETT, WITH A REQUEST TO ARRANGE A PROGRAM ALONG THE LINES MENTIONED IN PARA 2 OF REFTEL. MINFISH OFFICIALS STATED THAT INTOURIST HAS TAKEN NO ACTION ON THIS TELEGRAM BECAUSE IT DID NOT COME FROM AN INTOURIST-ACCREDITED US TRAVEL AGENT.

4. FOR DEPT: IN VIEW OF SHORT TIME REMAINING, PLEASE INFORM CONGRESSMAN LEGGETT'S OFFICE OF THE FOREGOING AND ARRANGE TO CONTACT INTOURIST ACCREDITED US TRAVEL AGENT ASAP.

5. CONTROL OFFICERS FOR CODEL LEGGETT ARE ACTING SCICOUNS LOUIS SELL (TEL 252-0011, HOME 232-4699) AND SCICOUNS ALLEN GREENBERG (TEL 252-0011, HOME 133-9600), WHO RETURNS TO USSR FROM LEAVE AUGUST 25. CONTROL OFFICER FOR THE RIGA AND LENINGRAD PORTION OF THE VISIT UNCLASSIFIED

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IS CONGEN LENINGRAD DEPUTY PRINCIPAL OFFICER, FRANK CRUMP, AND CONTROL OFFICER FOR THE YALTA AND KIEV PORTION OF THE VISIT IS HEAD OF THE KIEV ADVANCE PARTY DAVID SWARTZ. CRUMP WILL ACCOMPANY CODEL FOR RIGA AND LENINGRAD PORTION OF THE VISIT AND SWARTZ WILL ACCOMPANY FOR THE YALTA AND KIEV PORTION OF THE VISIT. AN EMBASSY MOSCOW OFFICER WILL PROBABLY ACCOMPANY THE GROUP PO ASTRAKHAN. WE WILL PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION IN THIS REGARD AFTER RECEIPT OF PROGRAM FROM MINFISH.

6. IF FINAL SCHEDULE ALLOWS SUFFICIENT TIME, AMBASSADOR TOON WILL BE PLEASED TO HOST SMALL RECEPTION FOR CODEL. TOON

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